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CC: Judy Huang [Huang.Judy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: CBS News on DDT/PV Shelf
Attachments: Draft EPA response to Feinstein.docx

Hi NOAA,

CBS News inquiry (see below): Wondering if you received a similar inquiry ? Would also like to coordinate on this response, although our response is due tomorrow so time is limited to develop and share?

Feinstein letter: Attached is our basic message. Please review and we can even set up a call this week to discuss if necessary. Our response is due March 22 so will be sending through our acting regional administrator any day. Also, do you also know the status of our comment on your Feinstein response?

Also, my Superfund Director is wanting to initiate more discussions with NOAA and DOI in the next few weeks. We also haven't heard from the state so we reached out to them and are looking forward to a broader multiagency discussion. I understand the week of April 12 has been thrown out as a timeframe.

Thanks, John

From: Berardelli, Jeff <BerardelliJ@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:17 AM
To: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
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Subject: Hi Mike - Request for comment from CBS News - DDT site and research

Hi Mike,

My name is Jeff Berardelli. I work on environmental stories for CBS News. Nice to virtually meet you.

My team is covering the new interest in the DDT site/s off the LA coast. We are looking for a statement on this.

Specifically, we realize that work has been done through NOAA to help mitigate the impact of the sewage outflow damage from the 20th century close to shore. But it seems many decades went by without the deeper disposal site/s for the toxic barrels even being looked into to understand the extent of the possible contamination, let alone work to try to clean it up.

So, we are curious why there has been such a long delay to get working on this portion of the contamination? And we see that NOAA and Scripps are out there right now studying the bottom... what do you hope to accomplish and what are the next steps? Any chance EPA or the government agencies will take a step to clean this up soon?

Thank you,

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